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The following observations were made at Finsterwalde airfield between 22 January and 5 February 1954:

22 January. Between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., about 6 ground attack aircraft made local flights at the field. The sky was 7/10 overcast. Around 1 p.m., 12 ground attack aircraft crossed over the field.

23, 24, and 25 January. No air activity was observed at the field.

26 January. Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., individual and formation flights were made by Il-10s. For formation flights, the ground attack aircraft took off individually and subsequently assembled in formation while flying a local flight. Around 2:30 p.m., a formation approached from the north. About half an hour later, another formation of ground attack aircraft, possibly the same aircraft, was observed.

27 January. Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., formations of ground attack aircraft were again observed aloft as on the preceding day. There was a 3/10 overcast.

28 to 30 January. Throughout the day, there was the same air activity as on 26 January.

31 January. No air activity was observed. There was cloudless weather and good visibility.

1 February. Between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., some ground attack aircraft were observed circling over the field.

2 February. Between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., there was local flying by ground attack aircraft. A formation of three aircraft practiced formation flying. Between 6 p.m. and midnight, night flying was practiced by about three Po-2s which individually took off and flew curves and figures eight in various air spaces in the vicinity of the field. The individual aircraft remained aloft about one hour. Obstacle lights were switched on as well as the flare path, the lamps of which had been trucked to the runway prior to the beginning of air activity.

3 February. During the day, there was air activity by ground attack aircraft and, during the night, flying was practiced by Po-2s.

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4 February. Between 9 a.m. and 3:10 p.m., local flights were made by some ground attack aircraft.

5 February. There was air activity by Il-10s throughout the day. On all the days under review, only the aircraft employed for air activity were observed on the landing field. The hangars were closed.

Comment. The Il-10 aircraft of the ground attack regiment at Finsterwalde airfield probably with other units of the GA Div in Alt-Loemnitz participated in exercises held by elements of the Gds Recz Army in the Dresden-Koenigsbrueck area between 21 and 23 January 1954. The present report indicates that the training of beginner pilots on Po-2s has again been started.

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